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## UNJUSTICE IN ATTACKS ON SOUTH

Southern People Do Not Deserve the Diatribes That Have Been Pronounced Against Them.

Member From Mississippi Certain That Northern Mobs Are More Lawless.

## BLAMES PRES. ROOSEVELT

By Dining Booker T. Washington at the White House, Members of Race Have Become Conceited.

Washington, March 16.—In the house today during the discussion of the postoffice appropriation bill, Spight of Mississippi, discussed the negro question and declared as unjust the attacks made on the people of the south who had been charged with brutality and barbarism toward the colored race. Comparing lynchings and burnings at the stake which had occurred in the south with those in the north, he said that the people of the south who had been charged with brutality and barbarism toward the colored race, never followed it up with violence toward defenseless children and women as had been done in the north. He declared that President Roosevelt by inviting Booker T. Washington to dine at the White House had done more to inflame the passions of the negro and to give him a perverted idea of his importance and his near approach to social equality than anything that had been done for the past 10 years.

Subsidies to railroads for special mail facilities came in for much criticism by Robinson, of Indiana, and Gaines of Tennessee. The latter characterized them as a "legalized steal." Rural mail carriers found many friends on the floor who advocated increased pay for them and with privileges of acting as agents for newspapers and trades people. Flood of Virginia, denied that Perry S. Heath was entitled to credit for inaugurating the rural free delivery. He said that Heath made the claim "Notwithstanding the fact that he had not yet emerged from the postoffice scandal with his name as unscathed as the alpine snows, thrice bleached by northern blasts."

## IMPORTANT PERSIAN RULING

**Age Will Hereafter Be Considered as Disability to Perform Labor.**  
Washington, March 16.—Commissioner of Pensions Ware, with the approval of Secretary Hitchcock, today promulgated the most important pension ruling that has been issued in a long time. It directs that beginning with April 13 next, if there is no contrary evidence and all other legal requirements have been met, claimants for pensions under the general act of June 27, 1890, who are over 62 years old, shall be considered as disabled to perform manual labor shall be entitled to \$6 a month; over 65, to \$8; over 68 years, to \$10 and over 70 years, to \$12, the usual allowances at higher rates continuing for disabilities other than age.

## Discuss General Wood.

Washington, March 16.—Another entire day of the senate was devoted to a consideration in executive session of the nomination of General Leonard Wood to be major-general. Senator Blackburn, resuming his speech begun yesterday, occupied little more than two hours and was followed by Senator Quarles who consumed the remainder of the day and expects to take another hour tomorrow. It is predicted the vote will be reached before adjournment Friday.

## Coast and Nationals Meet.

Bakersfield, Cal., March 16.—Portland, 3; Chicago, 2. Ten innings.

## OPERATIONS SUSPENDED

**Strike in Progress in Sacramento That Promises to be Bitter**  
Sacramento, March 16.—For the second time in two years the building industry in Sacramento has been practically suspended. Today, so far as could be learned, only carpenters, millworkers and electrical workers were at work and it is understood that within a few days these crafts will be out as the result of differences between employers and employees. Eight hundred men are affected. The fight promises to be bitter.

Spokane, March 16.—D. C. Corbin, who has just returned from New York, announced tonight that he will build a standard gauge, first class railroad from Spokane to a connection with the Canadian Pacific, provided the citizens of Spokane will donate the right of way and terminal grounds. The road, if built, will be operated in connection with the Canadian Pacific and under traffic agreement with that company.

## REPEATED ATTACKS BY JAPS CAUSE RUSSIANS AT PORT ARTHUR TO BE WARY

**Every Port of the Fortress Rendered Unsafe by Shells of Fleet so That New Measures for Protection Are Undertaken by Besieged.**

**Concentrated European Force Crosses Yalu, While Bodies of Troops Are Left to Guard Antung and River Points—Liao Tung Peninsula Occupied—Vice-Admiral Makarofi Will Assume Control of Naval Forces.**

Yinkow, March 16.—A creditable native arrived here from Feng-Hung-Chang, bringing a report to the effect that as late as March 12 the main body of concentrated Russian forces had crossed the Yalu, leaving small bodies of troops at Antung and other points to guard the river.

Continuous attacks of the Japanese have compelled the steady occupation of the Liao Tung peninsula. The last bombardment of Port Arthur rendered every part of the fortress unsafe. Residents assert that fragments of Japanese shells fell everywhere, and some railway coaches and buildings were destroyed, though most of the damage on shore was unimportant.

## Reports are Conflicting.

London, March 16.—No further news of the progress of hostilities in the far east has been received here. Much interest is manifest in the report that the Russian main advance is crossing the Yalu, but this is not yet confirmed, and, according to the Daily Chronicle's Ping Yang correspondent, all Russian troops have left north Korea, 20,000 of them being concentrated at Kullon, north of the Yalu river, in Manchuria. The Daily Telegraph's Sebastopol correspondent says that it is semi-officially announced there that Russia has abandoned the idea of sending her Baltic squadron to the far east by way of Bering straits, as impracticable.

## Vice Admiral Stark Retires.

St. Petersburg, March 16.—Official orders were published today relieving Vice-Admiral Stark from the command of the Port Arthur division of the navy ostensibly on account of ill health. No successor will be appointed. Vice-Admiral Makaroff having determined to serve as squadron commander as well as commander-in-chief of the entire Russian naval forces in the far east.

## DIVISION OF JAP TROOPS.

Army of 70,000 Occupies Northern Korea—To Sail for Unknown Point.

Paris, March 16.—The Tokio correspondent of the Matin sends this information, which he says comes from reliable authority, concerning the Japanese military situation up to March 10: "The first army of 70,000 troops occupies northern Korea. The brigade landed at Gensan, forms part of a second army of similar strength. The mobilization of the latter has been contemplated and troops will sail shortly for an unknown destination. The mobilization of the third corps began on March 7."

## Earthquake Felt.

Port Townsend, March 16.—A slight earthquake was felt this evening at 8:20 p. m.

## Everett Shaken up.

Everett, March 16.—Earthquake which lasted six seconds was felt here this evening at 8:20.

## Two Shocks in Tacoma.

Tacoma, March 16.—This city was visited by a severe earthquake shock tonight about 8:30 o'clock. Two distinct shocks were felt, severely shaking houses in all parts of the city.

## Victoria Also.

Victoria, March 16.—At 8:18 this evening a sharp earthquake shock was felt here. Clocks were stopped and other slight damage was done.

## CONGREGATION PANIC STRICKEN

Seattle, March 16.—Two earthquake shocks were felt here at 8:18 o'clock

(tonight, the first five and the second of 15 seconds duration. It was severe enough to rattle dishes, move chairs and shake the higher buildings. In the church of the Immaculate Conception a big congregation was assembled and a small panic was caused.

## TO ACCOMMODATE SETTLERS

**Independence League Prepares to Accommodate Influx of People.**

Independence, Ore., March 16.—At a meeting of the Independence Improvement League last evening the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Dr. O. D. Butler; vice-president, Dr. E. L. Ketchum; secretary, G. A. Hurley, and treasurer, U. L. Frazier.

E. L. Ketchum, U. L. Frazier, G. A. Hurley, W. W. Percival and Dave Calbreath were appointed an advisory board. The league took up the matter of organizing a company for the purpose of building houses to accommodate the new settlers coming here, and to look after the buying and selling of real estate to people who are coming here on the lookout for farms and homes. The following was a committee on this organization: Walter Lyon, W. W. Percival, E. L. Ketchum, D. Calbreath and G. A. Hurley.

An electric road from Independence to Salem was discussed, and a committee appointed to co-operate with the Greater Salem Push Club to perfect plans for the system, and to report at the next regular meeting.

Much good work was reported to have been accomplished through the information bureau in Portland. Many eastern people have settled in this section of the county.

An effort will be made by the league to secure cars from the S. P. R. R. for parties to attend the St. Louis exposition, and also to secure cars for the products of the county.

## HEIRS STILL DISINHERITED.

Will of Rich Club Woman Approved By Supreme Court.

Spur for Canadian Pacific.  
Olympia, March 16.—The attempt of the disinherited relatives to break the will of Mrs. Abit H. H. Stewart, a well known club woman, of Olympia, and secure a division of her \$100,000 estate which she had left to personal friends, has resulted in failure. The decision of the supreme court handed down today sustains the will and the estate will consequently go to Eva W. Gove, Tacoma; Mary Lowe Dickinson, New York, and Sarah M. Utt, San Francisco.

## HOT AFTER "APOSTLE."

Leader of Notorious Holy Rollers is Pronounced a Criminal

Portland, March 16.—A warrant for the arrest of Joshua Creffield, leader of the notorious Holy Roller band of Corvallis fame, was issued out of the office of the district attorney today, on a serious charge.

Complainant in the case is B. E. Starr, and the woman in the case is Donna Starr, his wife. It appears from what was said at the district attorney's office that Mrs. Starr was one of the sisters in the Holy Roller band, and it is charged she was brought under the influence of the man, who represented to her and a dozen or more other women in this city that he was gifted with powers extraordinary from on high, and thus accomplished his purpose. Mrs. Starr was one of the Portland band of Holy Rollers, and it appears that her now irate

husband was also allied with the work of the "apostle." He remained true to the tenets of the institution until the alleged doings of Creffield in the criminal line became unbearable, and a visit to the district attorney's office followed.

To an officer in the office of the district attorney, Starr told a tale of the relations of Creffield with his flock that has few parallels in local fanatic history, if in any other.

Creffield is the same Holy Roller who was treated to a midnight coat of tar and feathers and told to decamp from the country and never return by a party of Corvallis citizens, a short time ago, after the sect had made itself so obnoxious that the law was taken into the hands of the citizens themselves.

The warrant for the arrest of Creffield was placed in the custody of Officer Hawley, and at last accounts he was in quest of the "apostle."

## TO DECIDE ON APPROPRIATION.

Report Will be Made Today Upon Lewis and Clark Fair Bill.

Washington, March 16.—Representative Tawney, of Minnesota, chairman of the house committee on expositions stated today that a meeting of the full committee will be held tomorrow morning at 10:30 to consider the Lewis and Clark Centennial bill. He announced further that this would probably be the final meeting of the committee on this subject, and that the bill which has been under preparation for some time would be reported at this meeting. Of course, it cannot yet be known what appropriation it will carry, but it is believed by members of the committee who have talked with the Oregon people about it that the appropriation will be a generous one, though not equal to the amount appropriated by the senate.

## Hart Wins Decision.

Hot Springs, Ark., March 16.—Marvin Hart was given the decision at the end of 20 rounds over Sandy Ferguson tonight.

## Minister Wins Suit.

Boston, March 16.—The superior court jury today returned a verdict in favor of Rev. E. A. Schnell, of Chicago, formerly general secretary of the Epworth League, to his suit for libel against Dr. Charles Parkhurst, editor, and the Boston Wesleyan Association, publishers, of the Zion's Herald. The jury fixed damages at \$24,000.

The alleged libel was contained in statements that Dr. Schnell was dishonest and had utilized his station in the church for his personal gain.

## MITCHELL WINS PRIMARIES EASILY

Regular Party Organization Assured of 110 Delegates in Convention Out of Possible 129 Members.

Simon Faction Cuts Sorry Figure When Votes Are Counted, Getting Poor Support.

## DEMOCRATS EGG ON FIGHT

Think to Disrupt Party by Encouraging Factional Differences—Vote Stands 8421 to 5140, as Counted.

Portland, March 16.—The regular republican ticket, supported by the followers of Senator Mitchell, won an overwhelming victory over the independent ticket put in the field by the supporters of former Senator Simon at the primary election today. The democrats had a ticket, but most of the followers of that party considered that more harm would be done to republicans by encouraging a factional strife and voted with the independents. The result is of importance as it was conceded that the loss to the local party organization which would follow a defeat in today's primaries would be a severe blow to Senator Mitchell's chances of re-election, and it was upon this point that the fight hinged. Local issues cut little or no figure in the campaign and both factions were a unit in support of the present federal administration. The almost complete vote follows:  
Regular ticket, 8421; independent, 5140. Regular party organization is insured of 110 delegates in a convention out of a possible 129.

## People Rush From Houses.

Bellingham, Wash., March 16.—A heavy earthquake shock was felt here tonight at 8 o'clock. Pictures were shaken from walls, dishes were broken and clocks were stopped. The shock was severe enough to cause many to rush from their houses into the streets.

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This week, in one window a new lot of sheet music just received direct from Eastern musical centres. In the other "Come and see for yourself"

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